

## **2015 South Carolina Statewide Child Care Market Rate Survey Results**

To determine the rates that the SC Voucher Program (formerly ABC Voucher Program) pays enrolled child care providers, the South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS) is required to conduct a statewide market rate survey of child care providers every two years. For the 2015 market rate survey, SCDSS contracted with the University of South Carolina's Institute for Public Service and Policy Research (IPSPR) to conduct the data collection and processing for the market rate survey. This report provides the results of the 2015 market rate survey.

SCDSS provided IPSPR with a list of child care providers in the state. This list of providers was divided into 12 types of child care providers from which the sample was to be selected. Listed below are the 12 types of child care providers, the number of providers included in the sample, the number of completed surveys, and the response rate. For each type of child care in which there were 250 or less child care providers, all providers were included in the study; for those types of care with more than 250 providers, a random sample of cases was selected for the sample. A total of 1,588 providers were selected for the 2015 market rate survey.

On February 9, 2015, a mailing consisting of a cover letter, questionnaire, and postage paid return envelope was sent to these providers. If a child care provider had not responded to the mail survey by February 25, 2015, the provider was contacted by telephone by a member of the IPSPR's interviewing staff in an attempt to collect the information. Prior to making these calls, the interviewers received specialized training for this survey. The interviewing was conducted from the Institute's computer-aided telephone interviewing facilities on the University of South Carolina-Columbia campus. Calls were made from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. The final interviews were conducted on April 2, 2015.

TYPES OF CHILD CARE PROVIDERS, NUMBER SAMPLED IN EACH TYPE,  
NUMBER OF SURVEYS COMPLETED AND RESPONSE RATE (%)

	<u>Sampled</u>	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Response %</u>
Urban, Centers – Licensed	251	220	87.6
Urban, Centers – Registered	173	156	90.2
Urban, Group Homes – Licensed	77	62	80.5
Urban, Family Homes – Licensed	13	9	69.2
Urban, Family Homes – Registered	250	167	66.8
Urban, ABC centers – exempt from DSS regulations	233	166	71.2
Rural, Centers – Licensed	183	168	91.8
Rural, Centers – Registered	45	37	82.2
Rural, Group Homes – Licensed	49	38	77.6
Rural, Family Homes – Licensed	1	0	0.0
Rural, Family Homes – Registered	250	154	61.6
Rural, ABC centers – exempt from DSS regulations	63	56	88.8
TOTAL	1,588	1,233	77.6

Of the 1,588 child care facilities included in the initial sample, 67 indicated that they were no longer providing child care services. Of the remainder, 1,233 either returned a completed questionnaire or provided the information in a telephone interview, for an overall response rate of 77.6%.

Child care providers were asked to provide the weekly rates they charge for full-time (30 or more hours per week) and half-time (15 – 29 hours per week) care for children in various age groups: 0 through 12 months; 13 through 24 months; 25 through 36 months; 3 to 4 years; 4 to 5 years; 5 to 6 years; 6 to 13 years; and 13 to 19 years old special needs children.

This full-time and part-time weekly child care rate information was then used to compile the minimum, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, 80<sup>th</sup>, 85<sup>th</sup>, 90<sup>th</sup>, 95<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> percentile rates for children ages 0 through two, three through five, and six through twelve for the types of child care providers.

In analyzing these data, the child care providers were weighted according to the number of children in each age group they serve so that the rates charged by providers with larger numbers of children in a particular age group are given greater weight. The 2015 weighted child care provider rate tables are provided below.

**2015 Child Care Provider Rate Tables – Weighted Data**

All Child Care Centers - 2015

All Child Care Centers - 2015																		
Location	Rural						Urban						Statewide					
Time and ages of children served	Full-time rates Ages 0 thru 2	Full-time rates Ages 3 thru 5	Full-time rates Ages 6 thru 12	Half-time rates Ages 0 thru 2	Half-time rates Ages 3 thru 5	Half-time rates Ages 6 thru 12	Full-time rates Ages 0 thru 2	Full-time rates Ages 3 thru 5	Full-time rates Ages 6 thru 12	Half-time rates Ages 0 thru 2	Half-time rates Ages 3 thru 5	Half-time rates Ages 6 thru 12	Full-time rates Ages 0 thru 2	Full-time rates Ages 3 thru 5	Full-time rates Ages 6 thru 12	Half-time rates Ages 0 thru 2	Half-time rates Ages 3 thru 5	Half-time rates Ages 6 thru 12
Percentiles																		
Minimum	39.23	34.62	30.00	15.00	15.00	25.00	35.77	20.00	20.00	23.08	15.00	10.00	35.77	20.00	20.00	15.00	15.00	10.00
45	98.33	90.00	95.00	62.50	54.23	50.00	135.00	110.55	97.00	81.67	63.47	60.00	124.33	105.00	95.00	75.00	60.00	60.00
50	100.00	92.50	100.00	62.50	55.00	50.00	137.50	120.00	100.00	90.00	65.00	63.00	128.33	110.00	100.00	80.00	65.00	60.00
55	101.67	96.50	110.00	69.67	59.50	55.00	140.33	125.00	110.00	95.00	70.00	65.00	131.67	115.00	110.00	85.00	65.00	65.00
60	108.33	100.00	110.00	75.00	60.00	60.00	145.00	128.33	125.00	97.50	73.00	65.00	135.00	120.00	115.00	90.00	68.33	65.00
65	110.00	101.45	110.00	75.00	65.00	65.00	148.33	130.39	130.00	100.00	75.00	65.00	140.00	126.67	129.54	97.00	73.00	65.00
70	112.00	103.33	120.00	78.33	65.00	65.00	155.67	135.00	130.00	105.00	81.02	65.00	145.00	130.00	130.00	100.00	75.00	65.00
75	115.00	106.67	130.00	80.00	67.00	65.00	159.00	145.00	130.00	110.00	87.67	65.00	150.00	134.33	130.00	102.00	81.67	65.00
80	121.67	110.00	130.00	87.50	72.70	65.00	168.47	150.00	130.00	119.67	98.00	65.00	158.33	144.67	130.00	110.00	88.33	65.00
85	125.00	120.00	130.00	100.00	75.00	65.00	173.33	157.00	130.00	127.00	103.00	65.00	168.47	150.00	130.00	119.67	100.00	65.00
90	130.00	127.50	130.00	100.00	85.00	65.00	185.67	165.00	130.00	135.00	117.33	70.00	175.00	161.03	130.00	131.93	110.00	70.00
95	133.33	134.33	130.00	113.33	90.00	75.00	197.33	187.80	145.00	150.00	140.39	77.00	195.00	181.67	139.00	144.67	140.39	75.00
100%	252.00	182.33	134.50	160.00	145.00	90.00	272.00	545.00	214.63	171.94	195.00	136.00	272.00	545.00	214.63	195.00	170.32	136.00
(N)	3953	5334	2277	1962	3936	2913	10069	16112	9156	4739	11910	8847	14022	21446	11433	6701	15846	11760

All Group Child Care Homes - 2015

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Location	Rural						Urban						Statewide					
Time and ages of children served	Full-time rates Ages 0 thru 2	Full-time rates Ages 3 thru 5	Full-time rates Ages 6 thru 12	Half-time rates Ages 0 thru 2	Half-time rates Ages 3 thru 5	Half-time rates Ages 6 thru 12	Full-time rates Ages 0 thru 2	Full-time rates Ages 3 thru 5	Full-time rates Ages 6 thru 12	Half-time rates Ages 0 thru 2	Half-time rates Ages 3 thru 5	Half-time rates Ages 6 thru 12	Full-time rates Ages 0 thru 2	Full-time rates Ages 3 thru 5	Full-time rates Ages 6 thru 12	Half-time rates Ages 0 thru 2	Half-time rates Ages 3 thru 5	Half-time rates Ages 6 thru 12
<b>Percentiles</b>																		
Minimum	50.00	50.00	50.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	66.67	46.67	40.00	40.00	28.33	20.00	50.00	46.67	40.00	35.00	28.33	20.00
45	75.00	75.00	70.00	55.00	45.00	45.00	91.67	85.00	80.00	65.00	55.00	50.00	85.00	80.00	75.00	55.00	50.00	45.00
50	75.00	75.00	72.50	55.00	50.00	45.00	95.00	85.00	82.50	65.00	60.00	50.00	90.00	85.00	75.00	55.00	50.00	50.00
55	80.00	80.33	75.00	55.00	50.00	45.00	100.00	90.00	89.75	67.00	60.00	52.50	90.00	85.00	75.00	59.20	55.00	50.00
60	84.33	83.33	75.00	55.00	50.00	49.00	103.00	90.00	90.00	67.00	65.00	55.00	91.67	85.00	75.00	60.00	55.00	50.00
65	88.33	85.00	75.00	55.00	50.00	50.00	107.67	95.00	90.00	70.00	65.00	62.50	95.00	90.00	80.00	65.00	55.00	50.00
70	90.00	85.00	75.00	55.00	55.00	50.00	110.00	98.33	95.00	70.00	70.00	65.00	100.00	90.00	80.00	67.00	60.00	50.00
75	90.00	90.00	75.00	60.00	55.00	50.00	110.00	100.00	98.75	73.33	75.00	65.00	103.00	95.00	85.00	70.00	65.00	50.00
80	90.00	90.00	75.00	60.00	55.00	50.00	111.47	100.00	100.00	75.00	75.00	65.00	110.00	98.33	90.00	70.00	75.00	60.00
85	95.00	90.00	80.00	70.00	56.25	50.00	113.33	110.00	100.00	75.00	78.33	75.00	111.00	100.00	95.00	75.00	75.00	65.00
90	100.00	90.00	80.00	70.00	75.00	50.00	131.67	114.17	100.00	75.00	78.33	75.00	113.33	110.00	100.00	75.00	75.00	65.00
95	100.00	100.00	80.00	75.00	75.00	60.00	135.00	125.00	105.00	85.00	80.00	80.00	135.00	121.67	100.00	75.00	78.33	75.00
100%	125.00	125.00	95.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	140.00	140.00	120.00	93.33	100.00	80.00	140.00	140.00	120.00	93.33	100.00	80.00
(N)	165	161	72	108	124	82	243	234	68	123	134	69	408	395	140	231	258	151

**All Family Child Care Homes - 2015**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Rural</b>						<b>Urban</b>						<b>Statewide</b>					
<b>Time and ages of children served</b>	Full-time rates Ages 0 thru 2	Full-time rates Ages 3 thru 5	Full-time rates Ages 6 thru 12	Half-time rates Ages 0 thru 2	Half-time rates Ages 3 thru 5	Half-time rates Ages 6 thru 12	Full-time rates Ages 0 thru 2	Full-time rates Ages 3 thru 5	Full-time rates Ages 6 thru 12	Half-time rates Ages 0 thru 2	Half-time rates Ages 3 thru 5	Half-time rates Ages 6 thru 12	Full-time rates Ages 0 thru 2	Full-time rates Ages 3 thru 5	Full-time rates Ages 6 thru 12	Half-time rates Ages 0 thru 2	Half-time rates Ages 3 thru 5	Half-time rates Ages 6 thru 12
<b>Percentiles</b>																		
Minimum	30.00	30.00	25.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	35.00	15.00	15.00	25.00	10.00	25.00	30.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	10.00	15.00
45	80.00	75.00	65.00	45.00	45.00	40.00	100.00	95.00	75.00	61.00	60.00	45.00	90.00	80.00	70.00	55.00	50.00	45.00
50	85.00	75.00	70.00	47.50	50.00	40.00	100.00	100.00	75.00	64.00	60.00	50.00	90.00	85.00	75.00	58.33	55.00	45.00
55	85.00	75.00	75.00	50.00	50.00	45.00	106.67	100.00	75.00	65.00	62.50	50.00	94.17	90.00	75.00	60.30	55.00	50.00
60	85.00	76.67	75.00	55.00	54.00	50.00	110.00	100.00	80.00	65.00	65.00	50.00	100.00	90.00	75.00	62.50	60.00	50.00
65	86.67	80.00	75.00	55.00	55.00	50.00	116.67	100.75	90.00	65.00	68.33	50.00	100.00	95.00	80.00	65.00	63.33	50.00
70	90.00	80.00	80.00	60.00	55.00	50.00	125.00	110.00	90.00	75.00	75.00	55.00	105.00	100.00	80.00	65.00	65.00	50.00
75	95.00	85.00	80.00	62.50	65.00	50.00	125.00	117.00	100.00	82.50	78.75	60.00	110.00	100.00	90.00	73.33	70.00	55.00
80	100.00	90.00	90.00	65.00	65.00	55.00	140.00	125.00	100.00	90.00	80.00	60.00	120.00	100.00	90.00	79.50	75.00	55.00
85	100.00	90.00	90.00	75.00	67.00	55.00	150.00	125.00	100.00	96.17	90.00	65.00	125.00	110.00	100.00	85.50	80.00	60.00
90	110.00	100.00	100.00	76.25	75.00	65.00	150.00	135.00	106.00	100.00	100.00	75.00	140.00	125.00	100.00	95.00	87.33	65.50
95	125.00	100.00	122.00	90.00	83.33	75.00	160.00	150.00	125.00	125.00	115.00	90.00	150.00	135.00	125.00	112.50	100.00	75.00
100%	150.00	135.00	135.00	130.00	125.00	85.00	245.00	235.00	135.00	150.00	130.00	100.00	245.00	235.00	135.00	150.00	130.00	100.00
(N)	379	235	123	144	123	128	450	252	83	181	144	89	829	487	206	325	267	217

**Note: For the tables in Appendix B, counties were designated as either urban or rural as follows:**

Urban

Aiken  
Allendale  
Anderson  
Bamberg  
Barnwell  
Beaufort  
Berkeley  
Charleston  
Cherokee  
Dorchester  
Florence  
Greenville  
Horry  
Lexington  
Marion  
Marlboro  
Pickens  
Richland  
Spartanburg  
Sumter  
York

Rural

Abbeville  
Calhoun  
Chester  
Chesterfield  
Clarendon  
Colleton  
Darlington  
Dillon  
Edgefield  
Fairfield  
Georgetown  
Greenwood  
Hampton  
Jasper  
Kershaw  
Lancaster  
Laurens  
Lee  
McCormick  
Newberry  
Oconee  
Orangeburg  
Saluda  
Union  
Williamsburg